

PEARL RIVER  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With  
GOOD HOPE BAPTIST  
CHURCH

Marion County, Mississippi,

SEPTEMBER 12-14th, 1908

*Wm. Marion G. Baker, Sec.*





MINUTES  
OF THE  
Eighty-Ninth Annual Session  
OF THE  
Pearl River Baptist Association  
HELD WITH  
GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

MARION COUNTY, MISS., Sept. 12-14, 1908.

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DR. H. GUY HATHORN, MODERATOR, Columbia, Miss.  
N. R. DRUMMOND, CLERK, Columbia, Miss.  
E. R. APPLEWHITE, TREASURER, Columbia, R. F. D.

NEXT SESSION

PLACE—China Grove Church, 15 miles West of Columbia,  
TIME—Tuesday after First Sunday in September, 1909.  
PREACHER—Rev. J. L. Price.  
ALTERNATE—Rev. S. A. Wilkinson.

## Proceedings.

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### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

GOOD HOPE CHURCH, Sept. 12, 1908.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Session of the Pearl River Baptist Association met this day with Good Hope Baptist Church, Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. D. Posey, who read a part of the second chapter of Phillipians, opening prayer being led by Rev. T. D. Cox.

Dr. H. Guy Hathorn and Bro. J. O. Robertson were appointed as Reading Clerks.

Regular organization of the Association was postponed until afternoon session.

Rev. S. A. Wilkinson then preached the Associational Sermon. He used as a text Matthew, 28th chapter, 18th, 19th and 20th verses and made a strong plea for more interest in the cause of missions.

The Association adjourned for dinner, Rev. C. R. Bredon leading in a closing prayer.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association opened with prayer by Rev. T. B. Fortenberry. Bros. E. H. Williamson, W. W. Magee, and G. D. Robertson were appointed as a Finance Committee.

The following delegates were present from the various churches:

ANTIOCH—G. H. Boyles.

CEDAR GROVE—G. D. Burkett, T. T. Pittman, G. D. Robertson.

CANEY—No delegate.

COLUMBIA—Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, R. Moss, Jno. Watts, N. R. Drummond.

CHINA GROVE—A. R. Ratliff, John Pittman.

GOOD HOPE—Isaac Farmer, L. M. Barnett.

HOLLY SPRINGS—A. A. Beard, D. W. Dunaway.

LITTLE RIVER—Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, J. N. Thornhill.

MAGEE'S CREEK—G. B. Richmond, J. A. Davis.

NEW HOPE—W. W. Magee, Walter Pittman, A. H. Powell.

OLOH—William Lott, G. W. Lott.

PHILADELPHIA—J. R. Hitt, J. O. Robertson, William Graves.

SHILOH—E. H. Williamson, R. H. Turnage.

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The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Dr. H. Guy Hathorn; Clerk, N. R. Drummond; Treasurer, E. R. Applewhite.

The delegates from Holly Springs were recognized without their letter.

Rev. T. B. Fortenberry, Bro. Q. G. Bryant and Prof. J. R. Hitt were appointed as a committee on devotional exercises.

The following messengers were present from other religious bodies: Bro. J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary; Bro. M. F. Thompson, Pearl Leaf Association; Rev. L. D. Posey, Lawrence County Association; Rev. T. B. Fortenberry, Magee's Creek Association.

The following were appointed as messengers to other Associations: Rev. T. D. Cox and J. O. Robertson to Pearl Leaf Association; Rev. T. D. Cox and Rev. S. A. Wilkinson to Lawrence County Association; Bro. J. A. Davis to Magee's Creek Association; Rev. C. R. Bredon, Bros. A. H. Powell and R. H. Turnage, to State Line Association.

Bro. A. A. Beard was appointed to write report on Publications and Bro. R. Moss to write report on Mississippi College.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by N. R. Drummond. It was discussed by Bros. N. R. Drummond and J. E. Byrd and adopted.

### Report on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is primarily the teaching service of the church. The lessons are so arranged by the lesson committee that the entire Bible is covered every six years; quarterlies and numerous helps for the preparation of the lesson, being prepared by our Sunday School Board and other publishing houses. The Sunday School, therefore, affords abundant opportunity to both old and young to get information concerning the Scriptures, concerning God's people and His dealings with them in the centuries before Christ, concerning Christ and the way of salvation. It is true that this information may be obtained by private study and by attendance upon the regular preaching service, but very few of our people study their Bibles systematically alone or attend preaching oftener than once or twice a month, and those who do study their Bibles alone and attend preaching service several times each month may learn a great deal in the Sunday School.

The Sunday School affords a good opportunity to



teachers and officers to present Christ to their pupils and win them for his service. After a pupil has learned about Christ and the way of salvation, the next step is to accept him as a personal Savior. A great deal is being accomplished along this line. Some consecrated teachers win all of their pupils for Christ and so do a work that will last throughout eternity.

The Sunday School also trains for service. Teachers, officers and pupils are better church members because of their connection with the Sunday School. They become more consecrated and take more interest in church work. The pastor can usually depend on them to do whatever he wants done. If collections are taken for the different objects in which the denomination is interested, as they should be taken, pupils get training in giving which will do them much good in after life and also be of great service to the church.

Your committee recommends that a determined effort be put forth to maintain an evergreen Sunday School in every church in the Association and that a committee be appointed to arrange for meetings on fifth Sundays or such other times as they may deem advisable to discuss Sunday School questions and to arouse more interest in this work in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. DRUMMOND.

The report of the committee on devotional exercises was read and after being amended, was adopted as follows: The report on missions to be read and discussed from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock m.; Rev. T. D. Cox to preach at the stand at 2 o'clock and Rev. C. R. Bredon in the house at the same hour.

It was decided to change the time of meeting of the Association from Saturday before the second Sunday in September to Tuesday after the first Sunday in September.

The Association adjourned until 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. C. R. Bredon leading in the closing prayer.

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### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. T. Graves.

The order of devotional exercises arranged for the day was changed and the discussion of the Orphanage report was set for the afternoon session, and Rev. C. R. Bredon asked to preach at the stand at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

The report on missions was read by Prof. J. R. Hitt and after discussion by Prof. Hitt, Rev. L. D. Posey, Rev. T. D. Cox and Bros. Robertson, Richmond, Pope and others, the report was adopted.

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### Missions.

The missionary spirit is characteristic of the true Christian religion. Jesus Christ himself was a great missionary. And His command to us was, "go ye into all the world." Then, there are no bounds to the field of operation. "The field is the world." Our method of dividing missions into foreign, home and state, is simply for convenience. We can not conceive how it is that one can favor home or state missions, and yet oppose foreign missions.

We believe that on the whole much progress has been made along the line of missions. As a general rule people are giving more than ever before, and perhaps more people are giving than ever before, to the cause of missions. But we have nothing to boast of as

Christians, and less to boast of as Baptists if, indeed, we should ever boast. As to the first, because the Christian world is not doing its full duty toward missions; second, because all other Christians in the United States, making pretenses toward missions, are outstripping Southern Baptists. More than half the Baptist churches in the South contribute nothing to foreign missions. And in a great many churches from one to five members make the contributions that are offered. It is estimated that a contribution of \$2 from every Christian in the world, made annually for a period of twenty-five years, would produce sufficient money to evangelize the world by the expiration of that time. One protestant denomination in the United States is doing better than that now by about five cents per member. Others are not doing quite so well. But what are the Missionary Baptists of the South doing? Why are we giving only 20 cents per member. What are we within the bounds of this Association doing? Let us see. Year before last we gave  $13\frac{3}{4}$  cents per member, and last year only  $11\frac{1}{4}$  cents per member to the foreign mission cause. Last year we gave only an average of 30 cents per member for all missions—foreign, home and state. These figures are approximately correct.

Though there has been the improvement mentioned, yet the above figures show that there is vast room for further progress, especially with us Southern Baptists. We need to wake up all along the line. We need to enlist the efforts of those who have heretofore been indifferent. And we would recommend that our pastors, in presenting this matter of missions to their congregations, make it a point to show how great a work is being done by our missionaries in comparison with the means we are now expending for the work; that the Laymen's Missionary Movement be encouraged by all in

every way possible; that our brethren read the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, as these publications will help in keeping us in touch and in sympathy with the missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HITT, Ch'm'n.

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Rev. C. R. Bredon preached at the stand at eleven thirty o'clock a. m.

The Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. T. B. Fortenberry.

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#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on the Orphanage was not ready and the question was discussed by Bro. A. H. Powell without the report. A collection for the Orphanage was taken which amounted to \$25.50.

The report on Temperance, prepared by Bro. J. D. Thornhill, was read by Dr. H. Guy Hathorn. It was discussed by Prof. J. R. Hitt, Rev. C. R. Bredon, Bros. S. W. Hammond, J. N. Thornhill and A. H. Powell, and adopted.

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#### Temperance.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:—

We believe in total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

We believe dram drinking by church members to be one of the greatest evils practiced among our churches today.

The man who takes a social drink and goes on about



his business does more to lead young men into drunkenness than the drunkard himself. All who drink first try to imitate the moderate drinker, but too often it is the drunkard that he imitates. We need to do more temperance teaching in our churches and try to prohibit the disgraceful jug trade now so prevalent all over our country.

Our churches need more strict discipline against her members who drink to excess.

The life we are living is either for or against the cause of Christ. Are we proving, by the way we live, that we are led by the spirit of God? The spirit of God does not lead men in ways of dram drinking.

Have you been using intoxicating drinks as a beverage? If so, what spirit caused you to do it, the spirit of Christ or the spirit of the wicked one?

The temperance wave is sweeping this country from one end to the other.

Let every lover of this work remember it will do but little good to pass resolutions on this question and then vote for whiskey men to make and execute prohibition laws—no whiskey man can be depended on to do that. The question then is what can we do to further the temperance cause? We answer, by sending men to make laws prohibiting the sale of liquor throughout our beloved State, and a total abstinence by every church member.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. THORNHILL, Ch'm'n.

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Bro. Walter Pittman was granted leave of absence.

Rev. T. D. Cox preached at the stand at 2 o'clock.

The Association adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. L. D. Posey.

### THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 10 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. C. Schilling, who read a part of the third chapter of John and made a very helpful talk. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. D. Posey, Rev. R. Drummond and Rev. T. C. Schilling.

Rev. J. E. Davis, Moderator of Pearl Leaf Association, Rev. R. Drummond, Moderator of Lawrence County Association, and Rev. T. C. Schilling, Clerk of Mississippi Association, were recognized as messengers from their respective Associations.

Bros. J. R. Hitt, R. Moss and A. H. Powell were appointed as a Sunday School committee.

Rev. T. D. Cox, Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, Brothers G. W. Lott, A. A. Beard and J. N. Thornhill were appointed as a committee on Nominations.

The Moderator asked Rev. S. A. Wilkinson to act as Moderator while he read the report on Church Discipline. The report was read and discussed by Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, Rev. T. C. Schilling, Rev. R. Drummond, Rev. T. D. Cox, Rev. L. D. Posey and adopted.

### Church Discipline.

Every organization, civil, fraternal, or religious must have rules of discipline, and the very existence of the organization depends upon their observance by individuals and their enforcement by such bodies.

All men worthy of the name despise a hypocrite. When an individual professes a certain belief, and the daily practice of his life is not in accord with this belief, he virtually violates a contract and an obligation he has voluntarily assumed. Such an individual lowers the moral standard of his community and deserve the contempt of civilized people, without reference to their

Christianity. If public sentiment upholds him in his derelictions, then the moral standard of that community must proportionally retrograde; for the better class of its citizens will seek a higher level and their places will be filled by men of like inclinations to the average. Admitting the truth of the above, without regard to religious affiliations, how much more binding is it on a church member to live up to his Christian obligations.

No church can become a great power for good, and stand as a shining example of Christ's power to save sinners, except by a rigid enforcement of its rules of discipline.

If, through carelessness or motives of policy, a church overlooks offenses, habitual and repeated in some of its members, that church is a "whited sepulchre," stands convicted of moral cowardice and is steadily undermining the basic principles upon which Christ founded His church.

We believe that our churches are not as rigid in discipline as they ought to be.

We believe that our churches ought to be purged until they can show a "healthy complexion" and a clean "bill of health."

We believe that a non-professor ought not to be able to single out some disreputable, "fagged out" church member and glorify himself by the comparison.

We believe that the churches should show more aggressiveness, and more concentrated effort in storming the strongholds of vice and crime.

We believe the individual church member is too timid about voicing his disapproval of the devices of Satan.

We believe the kindly word of advice, and the admonition to caution, which might restrain our young members and prevent them from committing offenses against discipline, are too often withheld.

We believe that laxity of discipline in our churches is a menacing danger, and that the danger cannot be met by ignoring the facts.

We recommend a full discussion of this subject by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. GUY HATHORN, Ch'm'n.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. G. D. Robertson. It was discussed by Rev. J. E. Davis, Brothers N. R. Drummond, J. R. Hitt, G. B. Richmond, Rev. C. R. Bredon, Rev. T. D. Cox and Rev. T. C. Schilling, and adopted.

### Pastoral Support.

Your committee on Pastoral Support would submit the following report:—

Each member should help in the support of the pastor by making monthly payments, and by regular attendance upon their church services.

We are told that they that preach the gospel shall live by the gospel. Preachers cannot work for their support and preach as they should. In many cases they have to buy their goods on time and pay higher prices because churches have not met their obligations as they should have done.

We recommend that payments be made monthly, so that the pastor will not be embarrassed on account of debt.

May the blessings of God rest upon all the brethren that preach the Gospel of Christ, and may His spirit direct us all in upholding their hands.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. D. ROBERTSON, Ch'm'n.



The Association adjourned for dinner, Rev. S. A. Wilkinson leading in prayer.

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### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Davis. Several brethren were excused to go home.

On motion, the entire discussion on any report presented during the remainder of the session was limited to fifteen minutes.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported that it had been arranged for Bro. J. E. Byrd to spend Monday and Tuesday of the first week in next February at Goss, Wednesday and Thursday at Antioch, Friday and Saturday at Improve, and Tuesday night, Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night and Sunday at Columbia.

The committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with China Grove church, sixteen miles southwest of Columbia, commencing Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1909, and that Rev. J. L. Price preach the Associational sermon, with Rev. S. A. Wilkinson alternate.

We recommend that the following committees be appointed:

ORPHANAGE—R. Moss.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. D. Robertson.

PASTORAL SUPPORT—G. B. Richmond.

TEMPERANCE—E. I. Watts.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. R. Hitt.

MISSIONS—Rev. S. A. Wilkinson.

PUBLICATIONS—G. W. Lott.

OBITUARIES—E. R. Applewhite.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—S. J. Hathorn.

DISCIPLINE—N. R. Drummond.

WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Lillian Willoughby.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT—Dr. H. Gay  
Hathorn.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. COX, S. A. WILKINSON,

G. W. LOTT, A. A. BEARD.

J. N. THORNHILL, Committee.

Mrs. S. A. Wilkinson read the report on Woman's Work. The report was discussed by Mrs. S. A. Wilkinson, Rev. T. D. Cox and Rev. T. C. Schilling, and adopted:

### Woman's Work.

"My soul, wait thou only upon God! for my expectation is from him." These inspired words of David have again and again given courage to God's people and are suggestive at this time to Woman's Missionary Workers. Tennyson has truly said "More things are wrought by prayer than this world knows of;" so taking a review of things in mission fields, and the continual echo of appeals from missionaries, "pray for us," all emphasizing the fact that human instrumentality cannot cope with the great difficulties and responsibilities of mission work, we come presenting the facts in our work and await in trustful dependence upon Him who is the source of all power.

First, in our work there is an established system of publication, where each one can be supplied with all literature pertaining to missions, and our women may easily become informed on the subject. They are studying the program monthly in many societies and find them helpful.

Second, the societies have a regular week of prayer and self-denial. At Christmas, a special gift is made to China, at another time, a special offering to home and state missions.

Third, we have entire charge of the Sunbeam work, the Woman's Training School at Louisville, Ky., and the Margaret Home for the children of missionaries in the field.

Fourth, the Young Women's Auxillary is another feature of the work and last year contributed \$948.25 to the work of the convention.

Fifth, in view of the fact that Southern women have been asked to raise \$220,000 for all missions, Mississippi women have resolved to reach \$7,330 for missions, \$65 for current expenses of Margaret Home and \$125 to the Training School.

Sixth, there have been eight societies in our Association. They are asked to report to our Secretary, Mrs W. R. Woods, of Meridian.

Every society has been asked to make October "Enlistment" month, and by personal visits and requests, endeavor to enroll every woman and child in their church in a missionary society.

Seventh, it has been suggested that the women of Pearl River Association raise for foreign missions \$101, for home missions, \$95, and for state missions, \$20.

Some one has reverently said that "facts are the fingers of God." Then with the above facts in mind, will not the women of our Association rally to the cause? The field is vast and full of encouragement; there is a work to be accomplished that can be done only by the Woman's Missionary Union. Then, dear Sisters, let me plead that we arise in the strength of our God and possess the land.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. S. A. WILKINSON, Ch'm'n.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. A. A. Beard. It was discussed by Bro. A. A. Beard, Rev. T. C. Schilling and Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, and adopted.

### Publications.

Your committee on Publications recommends that the pastors of all our churches urge their members to read our religious papers, such as the Baptist Record and the Mississippi Baptist. Enlightenment comes by reading and hearing and it is necessary that good religious literature be kept in the house of every person. Our people should be very careful not to allow anything to come into their homes which might become misleading concerning our christian duty. We also recommend the reading of the Abstract History of Mississippi Association, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the Orphanage Gem.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BEARD, Committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. T. D. Cox and discussed by Rev. T. D. Cox and Rev. S. A. Wilkinson and adopted.

### Ministerial Education.

By ministerial education we mean the education of a man called of God to preach the Gospel—educated because of the call and not educated in order to be called.

Mr. Webster in his "International," gives this good definition of education as it applies to a minister: "The act or process of training by a prescribed or customary course of study and discipline." So we must understand that it is not a process by which the mind is filled



with a conglomerated mass of facts and theory, but rather the developing and disciplining the possibilities of that which is good and noble in mind and heart.

God calls only those who have at least some possibilities and it is not only his privilege to develop the powers thus possessed, but his *duty* to do so.

The preacher is a leader, not only in the work of the salvation of the souls of men, but also in forming and developing the foundation principles of civic righteousness. Therefore, as so much depends upon the preacher, he, above all men, should have that training and preparation for his great work that will unmistakably lead him to point men to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.

Ours is a fast age—a changeable age—an age of skepticism, and what is to be our situation in the future depends largely upon the ministry.

Then let us make ready, let us help the preacher to prepare for his work by giving him of our money, as he may have need.

T. D. Cox, Committee.

Bro. R. Moss read the report on Mississippi College. It was discussed by Bros. R. Moss, J. R. Hitt and Rev. S. A. Wilkinson and adopted.

### Mississippi College.

We, your committee on Mississippi College, submit the following:

Mississippi College is the property of the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, and is today just what Mississippi Baptists have made it. It will be in the future just what Mississippi Baptists make it.

The College has ever done a great work. We can

not overestimate the influence she has had upon Mississippi Baptists, nor the part she has performed in the Master's cause, not only in Mississippi, but elsewhere. Her men are found in the various walks of life, there taking their stand in the front ranks of the very brightest and most gifted sons of our state and of the Southland. But we believe that the work of the College must be extended to reach more of our people. Efforts have been made along this line during the last few years with signal success. The enrollment last session was 460. The number of graduates were 38. These numbers surpass anything in the history of this far-famed institution.

The growing demands made upon this school in recent years has made it necessary to provide more buildings, and to increase the endowment. Two new buildings, Jennings Hall, and a dining hall have been completed during the last year. These buildings cost about \$70,000, a part of which has been paid by our own people and the rest by the American Education Society and Mr. Andrew Carnegie. It will be necessary in the near future, however, to have other buildings for the college, and to further increase the endowment.

To keep abreast of the times, and to meet the growing demands of our young men, who are seeking the very best training possible to prepare them for life's work, it will be necessary to add new departments of instruction, and to add more teachers to the faculty, and of course to make more room. This will mean more money. And we urge now that, when the campaign to increase the college endowment is inaugurated, we be liberal, and use the opportunity to show our appreciation by helping to make Mississippi College second to none in the State or in the South.

We most earnestly recommend that our young men be sent to Mississippi College to get their training.

This should be done for several reasons. First, because the college is a Christian institution where the very strongest and most effective influences are brought to bear upon the student body; (2) because it is *our* school; (3) because of what it has done and is doing in the development of christian citizenship in our state; because of what we expect the college to do in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Moss, Ch'm'n.

### Obituaries.

Since our last meeting God has seen fit to call fifteen of our brethren and sisters from our body to a better home.

Columbia—Bros. M. L. Banks, Charles Mobley and Lyman Smith.

Good Hope—Bro George Delancy

Philadelphia—Bros. J. T. Robertson, S. L. Williamson and J. C. Ryals.

New Hope—Bro. W. Clark, Sisters Martha Breland and Martha Guy.

Magee's Creek—Bros. W. V. Jones, Wiley Ratliff W. J. Alford.

Little River—Sister Margaret Cook.

Olob—Bro. J. M. Nobles.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. McDANIEL, Committee.

The following report of the committee on Finance, was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Finance, have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

E. H. WILLIAMSON,

G. D. ROBERTSON,

W. W. MAGEE.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved, as follows:

### Treasurer's Report.

The following amounts have been received:  
General Missions, \$51.85; General Fund, \$35.05; Orphanage, \$32.05; Delegates Expenses to Southern Baptist Convention, \$22.40; Total, \$141.35.

E. R. APPLEWHITE, Treasurer.

N. R. Drummond was elected as leader of the Laymen's Missionary Movement within the bounds of this Association.

Dr. H. Guy Hathorn was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Prof. J. R. Hitt, alternate delegate, and each church was requested to pay \$2.50 toward the expenses of the delegate.

A vote of thanks was extended to the members of Good Hope Church for the entertainment given the delegates to the Association.

The Clerk was authorized to have the minutes printed and the Treasurer was authorized to pay for the printing and to pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services.

The minutes were read and approved. The congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," Rev. T. D. Cox led in the closing prayer and the Association adjourned.

DR. H. G. HATHORN, Moderator.

N. R. DRUMMOND, Clerk.

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARIES	Contributions to other Purposes				
			Expenses	No. Baptized	Pupils	Officers and Teachers	
Antioch	G. H. Boyles.	Lillian Willoughby	30	14	5	00	
Cedar Grove	G. D. Robertson	Eddie Willoughby	50				
*Caney	N. R. Drummond	R. R. Griffith	162	50	18	81	40
Columbia	A. R. Ratliff	Molly Farmer	3	47	4	3	60
China Grove	Q. G. Bryant	Lucy Prescott	4	42	7	2	25
Good Hope	A. A. Beard		3	20		3	25
Holly Springs.							
Little River	J. D. Thornhill	Florence Davis	4	56	5	4	00
Magee's Creek	J. R. Lott	Alvin Lott	6	75	5	5	00
New Hope	Wilburn Lott	J. O. Robertson.	3	40		3	00
Oloh.	J. R. Hitt	Lee Williamson	5	100	29	11	55
Philadelphia	J. M. Turnage		3	35			
Shiloh							

\* No report.

The Columbia Church reported a Woman's Missionary Union, with Mrs. C. M. Norton, President and Mrs. S. R. Hathorn, Secretary. The Union made contributions to all purposes, \$160.75 of the total amount reported by the church. B. Y. P. U., Columbia church, Jno. D. Hathorn, Secretary, Leila Jones, Secretary.

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# STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Died	Membership
Antioch	Rev. T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	T. R. Willoughby, Buford, Miss.	14	11	5	1	3	129	
Cedar Grove	Rev. G. H. Suttle, Rawls Springs, Miss.	W. T. Willoughby, Columbia, Miss.	22	7			10	193	
*Caney									92
Columbia.	Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, Columbia, Miss.	E. L. Watts, Columbia, Miss.	27	27	1		24	3265	
China Grove	Rev. T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	A. S. Forbes, China Grove, Miss.	4	3			3	37	
Good Hope	Rev. T. B. Fortenberry, Grimsley, Miss.	Q. G. Bryant, Columbia, Miss.	7	3	1		1	57	
Holly Springs	Rev. T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	W. J. Mulford, Claude, Miss.	3	1			27	195	
Little River	Rev. J. E. Davis, Rawls Springs, Miss.	Dr. H. G. Hathorn, Columbia, Miss.	2	9	1		2	52	
Magee's Creek	Rev. J. L. Price, Norfield, Miss.	J. D. Thornhill, Nome, Miss.	17	2			2	3162	
New Hope	Rev. T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss.	Roy Powell, Pittman, Miss.	20	3			5	3207	
Oloh	Rev. L. D. Posey, Silver Creek, Miss.	John C. Ryals, Goss, Miss.	31	40			4	3129	
Philadelphia.	Rev. J. E. Davis, Rawls Springs, Miss.	G. W. Lott, Oloh, Miss.	5	2			5	1	51
Shiloh.	Rev. L. F. May, Tylertown, Miss.	H. T. Pittman, Pittman, Miss.	19		1		5	92	

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**OF THE**  
**NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**CHINA GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**PIKE COUNTY, MISS., SEPT. 7-8-9, 1909.**

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**DR. H. GUY HATHORN, Moderator, Columbia, Miss.**  
**JOSEPH DALE, Clerk, Columbia, Miss.**  
**E. R. APPLEWHITE, Treasurer, Columbia, R. F. D. 1.**

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**NEXT SESSION**

**PLACE—Philadelphia Church, Goss, Marion county, Miss.**  
**TIME—Tuesday after First Sunday in September, 1910.**  
**PREACHER—Rev. T. D. Cox.**  
**ALTERNATE—Rev. C. H. Suttles.**

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## Proceedings

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### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHINA GROVE CHURCH, Sept. 7, 1909.

The Pearl River Baptist Association convened in its Ninetieth Annual Session with China Grove Baptist church, sixteen miles southwest of Columbia, Miss., Tuesday, September 7, 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. L. F. May, who read as a scripture lesson the 116th Psalm.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory Sermon and the regular appointee, Bro. J. L. Price, being absent, Bro. L. D. Posey was requested to take the stand and preached a powerful sermon on salvation by grace, taking as a text John 10: 27, 28.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

# FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, who appointed Joseph Dale to act as temporary Clerk.

The list of churches was called and the following-named delegates were enrolled:

ANTIOCH—W. D. Holmes, J. O. Morris, W. C. Taylor.

CEDAR GROVE—E. R. Applewhite.

CANEY—J. J. Smith, J. T. Smith.

COLUMBIA—S. A. Wilkinson, N. R. Drummond, Joseph Dale.

CHINA GROVE—Albert Forbes, P. C. Stringer, T. D. Cox.

GOOD HOPE—J. R. Roberts, Charley Farmer.

HOLLY SPRINGS—G. M. Carr, H. D. Dunaway.

LITTLE RIVER—H. Guy Hathorn, J. A. Cook.

MAGEE'S CREEK—J. D. Thornhill, G. B. Richmond, E. C. Bennett.

NEW HOPE—W. W. Magee.

OLOH—Jesse Lott, J. R. Fillengame, Martin Lott.

PHILADELPHIA—J. R. Hitt, D. L. Butler, W. T. Graves.

SHILOH—S. D. Pittman, R. S. Turnage.

Prof. J. R. Hitt and Bro. G. M. Carr were appointed as Reading Clerks.

The Association then went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, Moderator; Joseph Dale, Clerk; E. R. Applewhite, Treasurer.

Brethren Jesse Lott, G. B. Richmond and P. C. Stringer were appointed as a committee on Finance.

The letters from the various churches were then called for and read, with the exception of that from



China Grove, which had been lost and the delegates were granted until tomorrow to get up another.

Petitionary letters were then called for and letters and delegates were presented as follows:

EDNA—J. I. Cooper, J. J. Askew.

IMPROVE—R. E. Bell, J. L. Watts, Jr.

MORGANTOWN—Andrew Dunaway, R. F. Bass.

EMANUEL—H. F. Patterson, J. J. Ladner.

On motion, the letters and delegates were received and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

A call for correspondence from other bodies resulted in the following-named messengers being received and enrolled:

Lawrence County Association—Bro. L. D. Posey.

State Line Association—Bro. W. R. Pittman, who also presented a letter, which was read and received.

Magee's Creek Association—Bro. L. F. May.

Correspondence was arranged as follows:

To the Magee's Creek Association—Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, Brethren W. W. Magee and H. S. Ginn.

The State Line Association—Bro. R. S. Turnage.

To the Lawrence County Association—Brethren S. A. Wilkinson, T. D. Cox, Dr. H. Guy Hathorn, E. C. Bennett and Joseph Dale.

To the Pearl Leaf Association—Bro. G. W. Lott.

The following-named brethren were appointed to fill vacancies on committees as follows:

Sunday Schools—W. T. Graves.

Publications—H. F. Patterson.

On motion, Bro. W. C. Taylor was granted leave of absence.

On motion the Association adjourned till Wednesday morning, 6 o'clock, the closing prayer being led by Bro. W. T. Graves.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9. a m.  
Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. J.  
Justice, who read the 2nd division of Psalms.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following-named  
brethren as a committee on nominations: Prof. J. R.  
Hitt, Chairman, S. A. Wilkinson, J. I. Cooper, P. C.  
Stringer, R. E. Bell.

Brethren J. R. Bryant and Charles Farmer were  
granted leave of absence on account of an accident to  
Bro. Roberts.

Leave of absence was also granted to the following-  
named brethren to take effect after noon today: J. R.  
Fillingham, Martin Lott, S. D. Pittman.

The request of Caney church for a letter of dismis-  
sion was presented, which brought up the question as  
to the reasons for withdrawal, and after discussion, the  
request was granted.

The statistical letter of China Grove church was  
read and received.

The report on Orphanage was read by Prof. J. R.  
Hitt, spoken to by Brethren T. D. Cox, Prof. J. R. Hitt,  
N. R. Drummond, L. D. Posey and G. B. Richmond,  
pending the discussion of which a collection was taken  
up for the Orphanage, amounting to \$18 55. The re-  
port was then adopted, as follows:

### Orphanage.

We, your committee on the Baptist Orphanage at  
Jackson, Mississippi, beg leave to report the following:

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage at Jackson,  
Miss., is an institution belonging to the Baptists of Mis-  
sissippi and supported wholly by the voluntary contri-  
butions. The object of its establishment and mainten-  
ance is, to furnish a home, nurture and training for the



homeless and helpless children. It has been in successful operation for twelve years.

During this time it has passed through trials and struggles incident to institutions of this kind, but thru them all it has been upheld by a liberal, loyal and loving people, who have been cheerful and generous in its support.

We have accumulated property in "houses and land" to the amount of \$100 000. We are prepared, by crowding to take care of 200 children. We have in our home at present 181, with several outstanding applications.

Since its establishment nearly 400 children have been in our home for a longer or shorter time and have received its benefits to a greater or less degree.

It is the purpose of the home to train these children in the practical art of home-making and home-keeping to such a degree that they will make good citizens and independent bread-winners.

Those to whom the management of our home is committed are doing faithful work in the matter of the training the children for usefulness, and are so directing their labor that the children themselves are contributing largely to their own support.

The demands upon our home are daily increasing and if we meet them we shall have to build additions at once, as the room that we have is nearly all taken. We have enlarged our dining room and chapel this summer, but we are badly in need of more bed room and school room. Let us insist, therefore, that our people—our Baptist people—rally to the relief of the burdens of our home with their money, and with their prayers, and thus constantly increase the usefulness of the Home and the children in it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Moss, Chairman.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. T. Graves, spoken to by Brethren W. T. Graves, R. E. Bell, S. A. Wilkinson, J. L. Watts, Jr., and adopted, as follows:

### **Report on Sunday Schools.**

The Sunday School work is some of the most important of our church work. There are certainly great opportunities for doing good through the Sunday School. Not only do people profit from the study of God's word together, that is, not only do they gain a more thorough knowledge of God's word, but the Sunday School affords a great opportunity for training for Christian service. Furthermore, it gives a great opportunity of reaching the hearts of unsaved people. We believe that many of our young people, especially, have been led to trust in Jesus Christ in the Sunday School. Therefore every church ought to have a live Sunday School.

There is more interest manifested in the Sunday School work from year to year, and we hope to see such improvement continue. But what we long to see is the time when all God's people, young and old, shall come together from Sunday to Sunday to study God's blessed word. The idea that the Sunday School is intended primarily for the children and for the young people is wrong. Brother, if you have not attended and taken interest in the Sunday School in your church, begin now. The Sunday School is a meeting to study God's word and not merely the literature that may be used. The Sunday School books should be used as helps to the study of the bible, but should not take the place of that great book altogether. Let us be careful then as teachers and as pupils, and fall not into the error of studying the lesson helps and commentaries instead of the word of God. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GRAVES, Chairman.

On motion the report on Ministerial Education was taken up out of the regular order, read by Prof. J. R. Hitt, spoken to by him, brethren L. D. Posey, S. A. Wilkinson, pending the discussion of which pledges were given as follows for Rev. W. T. Graves:

Columbia, \$10.00; Little River, \$3.00; Cedar Grove, \$3.00; Magee's Creek, \$5.00; Oloh, \$5.00; Morgantown, \$2.50; Philadelphia, \$15.00; China Grove, \$2.50; Antioch, \$2.50. Bro Cooper, \$1.00, paid; Holly Springs, 50c pd.

The report was then adopted as follows:

### **Ministerial Education.**

In the ninth chapter of 1st Corinthians, Paul wrote as follows: "For though I be from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law (I became) as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law. To them that are without law, (I became) as without law, that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." This scripture shows us how important it is that the minister of the gospel adapt himself to the conditions existing among the people whom he is to serve. Certainly in this age of great intellectual activity ~~the~~ ministers should not only be thoroughly educated in the word, but also in the various departments of secular knowledge, that he may be the better fitted to accomplish the purpose of his mission in the world.

Of course, everyone knows that mere intellectual training is not by any means the most important qualification of the Lord's ministers. Above all, the minister should be a consecrated christian, deeply feeling the responsibility resting upon him as a leader of God's



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Jesus himself spent many years in preparation for his ministry. His followers, the apostles, were also given a three year's schooling at the hands of their master before he considered them ready for their work. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God. Continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Thus we see that in the New Testament, ministerial education is sanctioned by both the precept of Paul and the example of our blessed Lord.

The best way for a minister to get his education is to attend a good school. We should encourage young men in the ministry to attend some one of our schools. If needs be we should give them financial aid. Most of our Mississippi ministers attend Mississippi College and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Mississippi College now offers a three years' bible course, to be carried along in the same manner as the ordinary courses. The college also has a small fund from year to year, which is expended in aiding worthy and needy young men who are striving to prepare themselves to preach the gospel.

Your committee recommends that the churches of this association see to the financial needs of young ministers within her bounds that are striving to secure an education for the purpose of better equipping themselves for the work of their high calling.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. R. Hrrt, Chairman.

The Association adjourned for dinner, the closing prayer being made by Bro. Otis Davis.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reconvened at 1:30 o'clock and was led in prayer by Bro. T. D. Cox.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. N. R. Drummond, spoken to by him, Brothers J. J. Justice, T. D. Cox and was adopted as follows:

### Report on Temperance.

The Scriptures tell us, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."—Rom. 14:21. But instead we are taught to follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another.

The use of strong drinks, even in a moderate way, neither makes for peace nor to the edification of others. The courts tell us that fully seventy-five per cent of the crimes committed in this county is caused, either directly or indirectly, by the sale and use of intoxicating drinks. It is generally the case that our associates and those who trust us follow in our footsteps, catch the spirit which dominates our lives, and practice the habits which we most love. We know from observation that this is especially true when it comes to the drink habit. It is too often too easy to induce a friend to take a social drink with us. The first drink leads to the habit of moderate drinking, moderate drinking leads to a drunkard's life of shame and crime and total depravity of character—ultimately to a drunkard's grave.

Total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks is the imperative duty of every Christian.

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more important then is it to wholly abstain from things,  
both harmful themselves and likely to harm others!

Christians, all through the Christian era, have been  
commanded to abstain from everything that is wrong  
and hurtful. Nothing with which we have to do is more  
hurtful to Christian progress than the sale and use of  
alcoholic liquors.

Realizing this, the conscience of the people of the  
South has been so awakened during the past few years  
that great progress has been made toward removing  
this destroying monster from among us. State-wide  
prohibition laws have been passed in several Southern  
States. The sale of whisky has been outlawed in every  
nook and corner of Mississippi.

This is no reason, however, why we should stop our  
efforts and rest on the laurels already won. The very  
attitude of every Christian should be an unceasing war-  
fare against this form of crime. The so-called "blind  
tiger," who is a thousand times more dangerous than  
his jungle namesake, still infest the land; the jug trade  
flourishes, while drunkenness prevails to an alarming  
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hibit. They seem to forget that law does not and never  
has, entirely eliminated crime. They had just as well

attack the law against murder. Since the earliest days of civilization the command "Thou shalt not kill," has become ringing through all the ages, and still the taking of human life in this country is an altogether too common occurrence. Law does not entirely prohibit, but a rigid enforcement of the law does largely reduce the number of crimes.

We believe the most effective way to fight this evil is by agitation and the exercise of true civic and Christian virtue. The place to commence this is in the home themselves. But the public school, the Sunday School as well as the church should all contribute to maintain and carry to its greatest success this reform.

In view of the foregoing, your committee would recommend the following:

First—That all Christian parents practice total abstinence themselves and to train up their children to regard all alcoholic liquors as poisons, to be used only as a medicine, and then only on the prescription of a competent physician.

Second—That our public schools, in the teaching of hygiene, or the hygienic instructions given all grades be urged to give especial attention to show up the injurious effects of alcohol, physically, mentally and morally, on the individual and on society generally.

Third—That we endorse the action of our State Convention of 1908 in recommending that our preachers preach on this subject as often as expedient, and that our Sunday School Superintendents and teachers always give special attention to the quarterly temperance lesson.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," cried Patrick Henry in a burst of patriotic eloquence, and we would earnestly admonish every Christian and prohibitionist that only by eternal vigilance, the enforcement

of prohibitory laws, and the continued inculcation of temperance principles, can we make sure and permanent what has been gained already by so many years of education and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

E. I. WATTS, Chairman.

On motion, the report on Woman's Work was taken up, read by Mrs. Lillian Willoughby, spoken to by her, Brothers N. R. Drummond and T. D. Cox, and was adopted as follows:

### Woman's Work.

Again I bring you good tidings of the work done done through the Woman's Missionary Union. The last year has been one of progress along many lines. Through the campaign of enlistment many women have been added to the societies already at work. One thousand, four hundred and forty-seven new societies were formed. Of this number 265 were Young Women's Auxiliaries, 485 Sunbeam bands and 101 Royal Ambassadors, the new society for boys. Only one department of our work claimed our efforts in the beginning, but now the objects fostered by the move multiplied, embracing State, Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Chapel building, Training Schools, Publications, the N. Margaret Home and other adjuncts necessary to bring in the kingdom and fulfill the mission of Him who said, "As the Father has sent me even so I send you."

There have been many indications of a growing interest in the literature provided by the Union. The societies have recommended the following weeks of prayer: For World Wide Missions, first week in January; the week of Special Prayer and Offering for Home Missions, the first week in March and that as usual we



make our Christmas offering for China and our special offering for Home Missions. We, the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, are asked to give to the following objects: Home Missions, \$3,500; Foreign Missions, \$3,930; State Missions, \$2,000; Margaret Home, \$65; Training School endowment, \$200; Bible Fund, Sunday School Board, \$65. It has been suggested that the Pearl River Association give to Home Missions \$95; Foreign Missions, \$101; State Missions, \$40. We have a day given to the study of systematic and proportionate giving.

Forty-five new societies formed in Mississippi. Women of Mississippi, our souls should be vocal with praise and our hearts filled with gratitude that we are a part of the host of reapers in the harvest fields of earth ready to be garnered for the Master. We beg you, dear sisters, to join in the glad service for "Him who loved us and gave himself for us."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LILLIAN WILLOUGHBY, Ch'm'n.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. S. A. Wilkinson, spoken to by him, Brothers T. D. Cox, J. L. Watts, Jr. N. R. Drummond, E. R. Applewhite, W. D. Holmes, R. E. Bell, J. J. Justice, and adopted, as follows, to-wit:

### **Report on Missions.**

The work of Missions is the highest expression of the life of our churches. To the Christian, the Master says "Go." To adequately obey that command there must be a well developed spiritual life. We must be willing to give up the world, to deny ourselves of part of our money, to have genuine sympathy with lost men.

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To be ready to go means strong spiritual vitality at home.

The work of Missions is the best means of strengthening the work at home. Selfish gratification cannot live in Mission atmosphere; petty contentions and wranglings are forgotten in the presence of the unifying principle of saving a lost world.

During the past year we gave \$535 to all Missions, or about 27 cents a member.

We recommend that our churches give at least \$750 for missions during the coming year; we also recommend that a committee, consisting of one messenger from each church, be appointed to apportion this amount among our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. WILKINSON, Chairman.

On motion, the new churches which have just joined the Association, be exempted from the apportionment, as suggested, unless it is their desire to be so included.

In accordance with the recommendation of the report on Missions, the Moderator named the following brethren as a Committee on Apportionment:

COLUMBIA—N. R. Drummond.

ANTIOCH—J. O. Morris.

CEDAR GROVE—E. R. Applewhite.

CHINA GROVE—Albert Forbes.

HOLLY SPRINGS—G. M. Carr.

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PHILADELPHIA—W. T. Graves.

SHILOH—R. S. Turnage.

MORGANTOWN—Andrew Dunaway.

The report on Nominations was read by Prof. J. R. Hitt and adopted without discussion as follows:

### Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report:—We recommend that the next session of the Association meet with the Philadelphia church at Goss, eight miles north of Columbia, commencing Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1910, at 10 A. M., and that Rev. T. D. Cox preach the Associational Sermon, with Rev. G. H. Suttle as Alternate.

We recommend that the following committees be appointed:

ORPHANAGE—G. B. Richmond.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. J. L. Watts, Jr.

PASTORAL SUPPORT—E. I. Watts.

TEMPERANCE—Dr. H. Guy Hathorn.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—P. C. Stringer.

MISSIONS—Prof. J. R. Hitt.

PUBLICATIONS—Joseph Dale.

OBITUARIES—W. W. Magee.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—Rev. Robert Bass.

DISCIPLINE—Prof. H. F. Patterson.

WOMAN'S WORK—Miss Myra Ball.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT—N. R. Drummond.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HITT, P. C. STRINGER,	} Committee.
R. E. BELL, J. I. COOPER,	
S. A. WILKINSON.	

The Association at 4 p. m. adjourned till 8:30 o'clock to morrow morning, the closing prayer being led by Bro. S. A. Wilkinson.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:30 a. m., and was led in prayer by Bro. J. L. Watts, Jr.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have published the Articles of Faith in the next minutes of this Association.

On motion, each church in the Association be hereafter requested to send up increase of 25 per cent for printing the minutes and for the salary of the Clerk, basing the contributions on an estimate of 15 cents per copy, but calling for more minutes, so as to raise at least \$50 for Associational purposes.

The report on Apportionment was read by Bro. N. R. Drummond and adopted without discussion, as follows, to-wit:

#### Report on Apportionment.

We, your Committee on Apportionment, suggest the following amounts for the different churches for all Mission causes:

Antioch.....	\$ 20 00
Columbia .....	400 00
Cedar Grove.....	60 00
China Grove.....	15 00
Holly Springs.....	25 00
Little River.....	7 50
Magee's Creek.....	50 00
New Hope.....	5 00
Oloh .....	50 00
Edna .....	5 00
Improve .....	*
Emanuel .....	10 00
Philadelphia.....	50 00
Shiloh .....	15 00
Morgantown .....	14 00
Good Hope—(No delegate).....	5 00

\*At the request of the delegates no amount was fixed for the church at Improve, but the delegates individually agreed to pay at least as much as the balance of the total apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. DRUMMOND, Ch'm'n.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. S. A. Wilkinson, spoken to by Bro. T. D. Cox and adopted, as follows:

### **Report on Publications.**

We beg leave to submit the following report on publications:

The literature that is read by the church members largely determine their spiritual usefulness in the church. Then in order to have a live, working church membership, we must encourage the reading of the very best spiritual literature obtainable. The Christian that does not read will, as a matter of fact, become a spiritual weakling. The mind grows proportionately as it is fed.

We would recommend the abstinence of all impure literature in our homes and cultivate the habit of reading good literature. We as Christian people, believe it the duty of every person to practice the reading of some one or more religious papers; by so doing we become more enlightened as to our Christian duties.

We recommend the reading, in every home, of the Baptist Record, the Baptist Standard, Orphanage Gem and Home and Foreign Mission Journal.

We feel sure if the Baptist people would make a practice of reading the above named papers they would be greatly benefitted thereby.

H. F. PATTERSON, Ch'm'n.



The Moderator called Bro. S. A. Wilkinson to the chair and read the report on Laymen's Missionary Movement, which was spoken to by him, Brethren N. R. Drummond and T. D. Cox and adopted, as follows:

### **Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement**

In submitting a report on this important subject, we have to consider its effect on the people among whom it originated, as well as its effect on the people it was primarily designed to reach—that is the heathen nations who are practically without the gospel.

The discussion of the subjects, other than giving to Missions, on the program at our Laymen's meetings, is sure to do a great deal of good. It gives us a broader view of our church work. We get a closer view of our duty to our fellow-man than we have been accustomed to. It enlarges our sphere of usefulness and enhances the value of our work for the Master.

We commend the meetings held throughout this Association during the past year, and wish to express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of our efficient leader, Bro. N. R. Drummond. These meetings are in line with the progress and development of this great movement and have accomplished a great deal of good. We recommend that these meetings be continued, and if possible, that more time be devoted to them. Your committee cannot overlook the fact, however, that the good effects of these meetings are somewhat spasmodic and intermittent. They recommend, therefore, that some plan of organization be formulated whereby each church may have a body of laymen who shall meet from time to time to discuss the various phases of this great work. Such an organization within the body of each church would brush aside the accumulated ashes of twelve months inaction, and fan the dormant spark into a bright flame. We believe such an organization could

easily double the per capita contributions to Missions in one year's time.

Since the greatest obstacle to the evangelization of the world has been and is the lack of money, it logically follows that the greatest work of this movement must be to increase the contributions to missions. A theory must stand or fall by its practical application. We know that the theory underlying this movement is sound, but if some detail in the working plan be omitted and we fail to substantially increase our contributions for the spread of the gospel.

Wherein will the heathen races profit by our good intentions? We find that our contributions to Missions since the inception of this movement *have not* materially increased. Making due allowance for the recent money stringency; we believe that we ought to be able to show an increase in our contributions. We believe that our failure to show this increase is largely due to our 'fighting the enemy with high power ordnance at long range,' and that we must use smaller bored guns and get closer to him. We believe we should arm the private in the ranks and give him marching orders.

We recommend further, that a day be set aside in each church as Layman's Missionary day, in addition to the day appointed by the Associational leader.

We further recommend that a committee of three be appointed in each church who shall have charge of the Layman's Missionary Movement in that church and who shall keep in touch at all times with the Associational leader.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GUY HATHORN, Ch'm'n.

The report on Obituaries was read by E. R. Applewhite and adopted, as follows:



### Report on Obituaries.

Since our last meeting God has seen fit to call nine of our members to their Heavenly home, from the various churches, as follows:

Columbia—Sister Tera Sartin.

Cedar Grové—Bro. F. M. Newsom and Rev. J. A. Snider.

Philadelphia—Sisters Rachael Robbins and Artemencia Sharp.

Magee's Creek—Sisters Emily Harper and Ella Rushing.

Improve—Bro. Winston Singley.

Little River—Bro. Sterling Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. APPLEWHITE, Ch'm'n.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. G. B. Richmond, spoken to by him, Brethren W. W. Magee, J. R. Hitt, S. A. Wilkinson, and adopted, as follows:

### Report on Pastoral Support.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support, would submit the following report:

We believe that when a church calls a preacher that his salary is a debt that the church owes him and each member is individually responsible for the same and that each member pay according to his ability.

We recommend that payments be made monthly, as we believe that they that preach the gospel should have their wages as promptly as the man who toils in the field, the workshop or any other occupation, and a minister cannot labor at any of these avocations for a support and serve his churches as he ought.

We believe that a pastor should be able to give his

full time to his church that he may do more noble work for the Master's cause.

May God's blessing rest on all who profess Christ and enable them to do more in His name in the future than they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RICHMOND, Ch'm'n.

The report on Church Discipline was read by Bro. N. R. Drummond, spoken to by him, Brethren J. R. Hitt, R. E. Bell, S. A. Wilkinson, T. D. Cox and adopted, as follows:

### **Report on Church Discipline.**

What constitutes proper church discipline and how to maintain it are questions of great importance to every church. In fact no church can afford to neglect these questions if it would accomplish the greatest possible good.

However, in administering discipline, much care should be exercised. All discipline should be conducted in the spirit of Christian meekness and love, with a desire to remove offenses and win offenders. With this end in view all questions should be investigated and dealt with in such a manner, if possible, that guilty parties will cease their wrong doing and be retained in the church for their own good and for that of the church, unless the offense be of such a nature that the cause of Christ will suffer in the community by retaining such offenders.

We should be very considerate with our weaker brethren and try to help them turn from the error of their ways. We should not be too ready to condemn them lest we be guilty of unchristian conduct as well as they. If a brother be overtaken in a fault, we should

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go to him privately or have the pastor or some one else to do so, and try to restore him to proper living. However, if he will not listen to private exhortation, the matter, of course, ought to be brought before the church. If he will not hear the church and persist in his sins, as a last resort the church should withdraw fellowship from him.

Your committee believes that this is the scriptural method of dealing with all offenders and recommends that it be followed by our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. DRUMMOND, Ch'm'n.

The report on Mississippi College was read by Bro. H. Guy Hathorn, spoken to by him, Brethren T. D. Cox, J. R. Hitt, S. A. Wilkinson, and adopted, as follows:

### Report on Mississippi College.

Mississippi College is an institution founded and established—principally—for the purpose of giving the young men of the State a literary, moral and religious training—the education of the mind and heart, as it were—that they might be better fitted for life's battles and better prepared to do the most good for their fellow man. To this end this splendid college—under the auspices of able and consecrated leadership—has ever striven and will *ever* strive, unceasingly, painstakingly, victoriously.

Commensurate with her financial strength and progress, like the good mother, (alma mater) that she is, with loving care, spreading as the waves of the sea, and eyes of affection on her brood everywhere, she now gathers in her warm embrace young men throughout the length and breadth of Dixie—if indeed, not almost every State in the Union. While Mississippi College is



owned and controlled by the Baptists of the State—of which we are justly proud—we congratulate ourselves, the institution and its management that we can all say with unselfishness of spirit, singleness of purpose and with one common accord: Young men of the South North, East, West, come one, come all! Our arms are outstretched to receive you; our doors wide open to let you in; with hearts yearning for your welfare and prayers pleading for your destiny, we bid all who are thirsting for knowledge, for that larger, better life, come and drink the rich nectar from fountains pure and perennial, for our God is your God, our College is your College.

The enrollment and attendance of Mississippi College, with but few exceptions, has increased year after year. The increase in the number of pupils, increases the demand for more and better accommodations and greater facilities generally. this fact of itself means a greater outlay of money year after year. We therefore recommend a corresponding increase of liberality upon the part of the Baptists of the State, and in fact all those who feel disposed to help towards maintaining and promoting the endowment Fund for the College.

As Baptists, we appreciate the par-excellent moral and religious influences of Mississippi College, and as evidence of that appreciation we recommend that our young men be sent to this institution for their education. Many are the reasons why our Baptist brethren who are able, should send their boys to this school. One is, because the moral and religious status of the college is unexcelled anywhere. Another, because Baptists own and control the institution—not with autocratic power and servile dominion—but with zealous love for God and man and the sons of men. Still another reason is, because Mississippi College is a God-sent



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 our young men may go and learn the "old, old Story"  
 of the Savior and his love, his life and his example. God  
 bless Mississippi College, the faculty and entire stu-  
 dent body.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY J. HATHORN, Ch'm'n.

Bro. S. A. Wilkinson offered the following resolu-  
 tions, which were adopted:

#### **Resolutions.**

Resolved, That we express to the China Grove  
 church and the people of this community our sincere  
 appreciation for their kind and hospitable treatment to  
 the Association during its session.

Resolved, That we extend to Bro. J. E. Byrd our  
 thanks for the week of Sunday School work he gave us  
 in Feruary, and that we invite him to visit us again as  
 soon as possible.

The report on Finance was read by Bro. G. B.  
 Richmond and adopted, as follows:

#### **Finance Report.**

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report the

following: We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

G. B. RICHMOND,  
P. C. STRINGER,  
Committee.

Brèthren J. R. Hitt and N. R. Drummond were placed in nomination as Laymen's Missionary Leader for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Bro. N. R. Drummond.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, as follows:

#### **Treasurer's Report.**

The following amounts have been received:  
General Missions, \$27.60; General Fund, \$39.80; Orphanage, \$22.15. Total, \$129.55.

E. R. APPLEWHITE, Treasurer.

Bro. J. R. Hitt was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. N. R. Drummond as alternate.

Brethren G. B. Richmond, Dr. H. Guy Hathorn and H. S. Ginn were elected as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. A. F. Davis was recognized as a messenger from the Boguechitto Association.

Bro. P. C. Stringer was appointed as a messenger to the Boguechitto Association.

The minutes were then read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Philadelphia church, singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

DR. H. GUY HATHORN, Moderator.  
JOSEPH DALE, Clerk.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

4. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

5. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARIES					
			Contributions to other Purposes	Expenses	No. Baptized	Pupils	Officers and Teachers
Antioch.....	James Graham.....	Henry Graham.....	.....	.....	5	27	4
Cedar Grove.....	N. B. Williams.....	T. T. Pittman.....	.....	6 00	21	40	3
Columbia.....	N. R. Drummond.....	John D. Hathorn.....	.....	135 00	20	204	13
Chick Grove.....	P. C. Stringer.....	Bessie Stringer.....	40 00	00	3	35	3
Edna.....	Richard Moss.....	W. S. Cooper.....	3 63	1 35	25	25	3
*Emanuel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	O. G. Bryant.....	Amanda Robbins.....	.....	.....	5	59	3
Holly Springs.....	Semour Bracey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Improve.....	J. L. Watts, Jr.....	Leola Morris.....	3 20	.....	37	37	4
Little River.....	H. Guy Hathorn.....	Amanda Cook.....	8 00	.....	75	75	5
Magee's Creek.....	J. D. Thornhill.....	Allie May Jones.....	5 00	.....	30	30	3
Morristown.....	W. B. Russell.....	Julia Beard.....	4 60	.....	1	30	4
New Hope.....	Edgar Pittman.....	Luther Pittman.....	3 65	.....	40	40	3
Olob.....	William Lott.....	Alvin Lott.....	3 00	.....	75	75	5
Philadelphia.....	J. R. Little.....	Mrs. Nettie Broom.....	11 80	.....	64	64	3
Shiloh.....	J. M. Turnage.....	Rufus Williamson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6

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Woman's Missionary Societies—Columbia, Mrs. C. M. Norton, President; Mrs. Bessie Smith, Secretary.  
 Antioch—Miss Myra Ball, President; Mrs. Lillian Willoughby, Secretary. Holly Springs—Miss Lucy Prescott, President; Miss Belle Lowe, Secretary. B. Y. P. U.—Columbia, Miss Jennie Watts, President; Miss Lella Jones, Secretary.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	General Missions	Ministerial Education	Mississippi College	Baptist Orphanage	Minutes	Visiting Ministers	Building and Repairs	Other Objects	Total	Value House of Worship
Antioch.....	50 00	...	8 75	3 55	...	...	...	10 00	2 00	26 00	2 00	...	178 05	500 00
Cedar Grove.....	225 00	8 50	...	8 50	...	...	...	...	4 00	25 30	...	56 00	176 15	500 00
Columbia.....	1100 00	151 75	109 80	94 75	...	35 00	250 00	165 00	4 50	200 00	150 00	30 50	2501 30	300 00
China Grove.....	100 00	2 15	5 00	3 00	...	...	...	1 35	1 50	...	40 00	...	155 50	500 00
Edna.....	90 00	5 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 19	18 88	...	...	122 33	600 00
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Good Hope.....	100 00	...	...	3 50	...	...	...	...	1 50	2 80	4 35	...	112 15	500 00
Holly Springs.....	100 00	12 55	5 25	...	...	7 35	...	...	2 15	37 90	...	5 00	169 00	500 00
Improve.....	75 00	13 35	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	9 75	...	...	112 85	500 00
Little River.....	100 00	1 50	1 50	2 00	...	...	...	3 00	2 50	20 00	...	...	133 00	70 00
Magee's Creek.....	200 00	16 50	4 65	5 00	...	...	...	2 40	1 50	33 00	1655 00	...	1213 10	1300 00
Morgantown.....	100 00	...	...	3 35	...	...	...	...	2 00	35 00	8 45	1 65	131 50	500 00
New Hope.....	150 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	135 00	900 00
Oloh.....	150 00	11 50	15 24	...	...	...	...	10 05	3 00	57 00	...	13 25	258 04	1200 00
Philadelphia.....	275 00	...	2 00	5 25	29 25	...	25 00	...	1 05	12 71	...	27 64	388 33	...
Shiloh.....	100 00	2 40	2 00	2 90	1 00	...	...	...	2 00	35 00	...	...	140 00	500 00

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# STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	No. Baptized	Rec. by Lester	Restored	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Died	Membership
Antioch.....	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss. R. F. D. 1.	W. D. Holmes, Buford, Mississippi	6	5	1	5	5	114	114
Cedar Grove.....	G. H. Suttles, Columbia, Mississippi	W. T. Willoughby, Columbia, Miss.	21	11	1			2220	2220
Columbia.....	S. A. Wilkinton, Columbia, Miss.	E. I. Watts, Columbia, Mississippi	24	18				22	1284
China Grove.....	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss. R. F. D. 1.	B. C. Stringer, China Grove, Miss.	1						34
Edna.....	R. N. Davis, Perkinson, Mississippi	W. T. Cooper, Edna, Mississippi	11	4					23
*Emanuel.....	T. B. Fortenberry, Grimsley, Miss.	Q. G. Bryant, Columbia, R. F. D. 1.	5	2					64
Good Hope.....	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss. R. F. D. 1.	G. M. Carr, Claude, Miss.	2						1180
Holly Springs.....	J. L. Bryant, Baxterville, Miss.	R. E. Bell, In prove, Miss.	2	4					176
Little River.....	S. A. Wilkinton, Columbia, Miss.	J. A. Cook, Columbia, R. F. D. No. 2	9	5	1				167
Megace's Creek.....	J. L. Price, Norfield, Miss.	J. D. Thornhill, Neme, Mississippi	6						2156
Morganatown.....	T. D. Cox, Columbia, Miss. R. F. D. 1.	R. F. Bass, West Columbia, Miss.	115						35
New Hope.....	L. F. May, Tybertown, Mississippi	Morgan Pittman, Grimsley, Miss.	26	6	4	1	3	236	80
Olch.....	J. E. Davis, Rawls Springs, Miss.	G. W. Lott, Olch, Mississippi	21	8	1	2			259
Philadelphia.....	L. D. Pacey, Silver Creek, Miss.	John C. Ryals, Goss, Mississippi	3	1	9	22			112
Shiloh.....	L. F. May, Tybertown, Mississippi	H. F. Pittman, Pittman, Mississippi	12	8					

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Philadelphia	.....	L. Davis, Rawls Springs, Miss.	G. W. Lott, Olob, Mississippi	.....	21	8	1	1	3	23
Shiloh	.....	L. D. Percy, Silver Creek, Miss.	John C. Ryals, Goss, Mississippi	.....	21	8	1	1	2	80
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